

Report

REPORT
OF THE
GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE
OF THE
HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY,

TO BE
LAID BEFORE THE SHAREHOLDERS,

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DIRECTORS.

Governor.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE GEORGE J. GOSCHEN, M.P.

Deputy-Governor.

EDEN COLVILE, Esquire.

Committee.

GEORGE LYALL, Esquire.

RICHARD POTTER, Esquire.

EDWARD WILLIAM TERRICK HAMILTON, Esquire.

THOMAS HOLDSWORTH NEWMAN, Esquire.

SIR JOHN ROSE, Bart.

FRANCIS PEEK, Esquire.

MONTAGU C. WILKINSON, Esq.

A GENERAL COURT of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay will be held, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter, at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at Two o'clock, for the purpose of Electing a Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Committee for the year ensuing. The Ballot will commence at that hour and close at Four o'clock.

By the 7th George the III., cap. 48, no person can be admitted to vote who has not been in possession of Stock for Six Calendar Months, unless such Stock shall have been acquired by bequest, or by marriage, or by succession to an Intestate's Estate, or by the Custom of the City of London, or by any deed of settlement after the death of any person who shall have been entitled for life to the dividends of such Stock.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed on Monday, the 16th, till Wednesday, the 25th inst.

By order of the Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Committee of the said Company,

W. ARMIT,

Secretary.

HUDSON'S BAY HOUSE,

London, November 10th, 1874.

REPORT.

THE Governor and Committee have much pleasure in informing the Proprietors that the Barque "Lady Head" arrived in safety from Moose Factory on the 21st of October, with the returns of the Southern Department for Outfit 1873, in addition to those shipped last year, which were detained in Hudson's Bay, as explained in the Report issued in June last. The Committee are happy to state that the cargo has been delivered here in good order.

The quantities of these collections compare favourably with the average returns of the Southern Department for the past ten years, and the Committee are glad to state that they have received encouraging reports of the prospects of the Fur Trade in that quarter.

Montreal The bulk of the Furs of the Northern Department have this season been sent home by way of Red River, and by steamer from New York. Those collected at York Factory and the neighbouring Coast Ports were shipped by a small vessel belonging to the Company, named the "Walrus." Intelligence has been received by telegraph that this vessel has unfortunately been on shore at Nottingham Island, in Hudson's Strait, on her homeward voyage. The latest advices from St. John's, Newfoundland, state that the "Walrus" arrived there in a leaky condition, after having

jettisoned a portion of her cargo. The vessel was being repaired and made ready for the voyage to London with the remainder of the cargo, the particulars of which have not yet been received. The Ship and Cargo are covered by Insurance.

The Committee are glad to be in a position to state that the Returns of the Northern Department for Outfit 1873 exceed those of the previous year, and that the general business of the Company throughout the country continues to be prosecuted with vigour and success.

They have received a most satisfactory report of the trial trip of the Steamer "Northcote," on the Saskatchewan, which river she ascended without difficulty as far as Carlton, a distance of 500 miles. At this point it was deemed inexpedient to proceed farther, the water in the river being usually low towards the end of August, when the trip was made; but there appeared no doubt that earlier in the season the voyage to Edmonton, a further distance of 500 miles, could be accomplished.

The result of this trial is most important. It gives promise of affording immediate relief to the Officers in conducting the transport business in the interior by means of Steamers on Lake Winnipeg and the Saskatchewan, instead of the old methods, which have latterly been attended with much difficulty, occasional failures, and gradually increasing cost.

The Accounts of several of the Districts for Outfit 1873 have not yet come to hand, but looking to the advices already received, and the prospect of moderately good prices being obtained for Furs in Spring, the Committee feel themselves justified in recommending an interim Dividend of 8s. per Share.

During the past season the Province of Manitoba has attracted a large number of immigrants, who have been the means of giving an impetus to trade and increasing the general prosperity of the Province.

The steps already taken for the construction of the Pembina and Fort Garry Railway, and the prosecution of other public works, have also had the effect of drawing attention to the importance of the Lands in Manitoba and its immediate neighbourhood.

The Company have availed themselves of the opportunity of offering a further quantity of the Building Lots at Fort Garry for sale. The Sale took place on the 15th October, when 50 Lots, each measuring 120 feet by 50 feet, were sold at an average of \$450 each. The purchasers have the option of extending the payments over a period of four years.

In compliance with the desire expressed by various Shareholders, a statement of the Company's land and map published in 1872, are now reproduced.

The Committee are glad to state that the Dominion Government have recently concluded an important treaty with the Indians inhabiting the region between Fort Ellice and the South Branch of the Saskatchewan—a large tract of country which appears to be eminently fit for settlement when proper communication has been extended to it.

The presence of a well-organised body of mounted police at various sections in the Saskatchewan district of country affords protection to life and property, and will no doubt prevent to a great extent illicit traffic in spirits with the Indians.

It will be the duty of the Proprietors at the present Court to elect a Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Committee, for the ensuing year.

The present Governors and Directors offer themselves for re-election.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE J. GOSCHEN,

Governor.

*Statement of Land belonging to the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY,
exclusive of their twentieth of the Land set out for settle-
ment in the "Fertile Belt," or the district coloured green
in the accompanying Map.*

District.	Post.		Acres of Land.
LAKE HURON	1	La Cloche	6,400
TEMISCAMINQUE...	2	Kakababeagino	10
SUPERIOR	3	Long Lake	10
UNITED STATES	4	Georgetown	1,133
		<i>Grand Fork</i>	
MANITOBA, or	5	Fort Garry	450
RED RIVER SETTLEMENT }	6	Lower Fort	500
	7	White Horse Plains	500
MANITOBA LAKE	8	Oak Point	50
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE	9		1,280
LAC LA PLUIE	10	Fort Alexander	640
	11	Fort Frances	640
	12	Eagles Nest	20
	13	Big Island	20
	14	Lac du Bennet	20
	15	Rat Portage	50
	16	Shoal Lake	20
	17	Lake of the Woods	50
	18	White Fish Lake	20
	19	English River	20
	20	Hungry Hall	20
	21	Trout Lake	20
	22	Clear Water Lake	20
	23	Sandy Point	20

District.	Post.	Acres of Land.
SWAN RIVER	24 Fort Pelly	3,000
	25 Fort Ellice	3,000
	26 Qu'Appelle Lakes	2,500
	27 Touchwood Hills... ..	500
	28 Shoal River	50
	29 Manitobah	50
	30 Fairford	100
CUMBERLAND	31 Cumberland House	100
	32 Fort la Corne	3,000
	33 Pelican Lake	50
	34 Moose Woods	1,000
	35 The Pas	25
	36 Moose Lake	50
	37 Grand Rapid Portage	100
SASKATCHEWAN	38 Edmonton House	3,000
	39 Rocky Mountain House	500
	40 Fort Victoria	3,000
	41 St. Paul	3,000
	42 Fort Pitt... ..	3,000
	43 Battle River	3,000
	44 Carlton House	3,000
	45 Fort Albert	3,000
	46 Whitefish Lake	500
	47 Lac la Biche	1,000
	48 Fort Assiniboine... ..	50
	49 Lesser Slave Lake	500
	50 Lac St. Anne	500
	51 Lac la Nun	500
	52 St. Albert	1,000

50 Acres
at each
end of
Portage.

District.	Post.	Acres of Land.
SASKATCHEWAN (<i>contd.</i>)	53 Pigeon Lake	100
	54 Old White Mud Fort	50
ENGLISH RIVER	55 Isle à la Crosse	50
	56 Rapid River	5
	57 Portage da Loche	20
	58 Green Lake	100
	59 Cold Lake	10
	60 Deers Lake	5
YORK	61 York Factory	100
	62 Churchill	10
	63 Severn	10
	64 Trout Lake	10
	65 Oxford	100
	66 Jackson's Bay	10
	67 God's Lake	10
	68 Island Lake	10
NORWAY HOUSE	69 Norway House	100
	70 Berens River	25
	71 Grand Rapid	10
	72 Nelson's River	10
ALBANY... ..	73 Albany Factory	100
	74 Martin's Falls	10
	75 Osnaburg... ..	25
	76 Lac Seul	500
EAST MAIN	77 Little Whale River	50
	78 Great Whale River	50
	79 Fort George	25

District.	Post.	Acres of Land.
MOOSE	80 Moose Factory	100
	81 Hannah Bay	10
	82 Abitibi	10
	83 New Brunswick	25
RUPERT'S RIVER ...	84 Rupert's House	50
	85 Mistassing	10
	86 Temiskamay	10
	87 Woswonaby	10
	88 Meehiskun	10
	89 Pike Lake	10
	90 Nitchequon	10
	91 Kamapiscan	10
KINOGMISSEE	92 Matawagauingue... ..	50
	93 Kuckatoosh	10
LABRADOR	94 Port Nascopie	75
	95 Outposts do.	25
	96 Fort Chimo (Ungava) ...	100
	97 South River, Outposts ...	30
	98 George's River	50
	99 Whale River	50
	100 North's River	25
	101 False River	25
ATHABASCA	102 Fort Chippewyan	10
	103 Fort Vermilion	500
	104 Fort Dunvegan	270
	105 Fort St. John's	20
	106 Forks of Athabasca River	10
	107 Battle River	5

District.		Post.	Acres of Land.
ATHABASCA (<i>continued</i>)...		Rat Portage	640
	108	Fond du Lac	5
	109	Salt River	5
McKENZIE RIVER ...	110	Fort Simpson	100
	111	Fort Liard	300
	112	Fort Nelson	200
	113	The Rapids	100
	114	Hay River	20
	115	Fort Resolution	20
	116	Fort Rae	10
	117	Fond du Lac	10
	118	Fort Norman	10
	119	Fort Good Hope	10
	120	Peel's River	10
	121	Lapierre's House	10
	122	Fort Halkett	100

WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND ...	123	Victoria, including Town Lots, about	70
	124	Esquimalt (Puget's Sound Company's Land)	2,300
	125	Uplands Farm	1,125
	126	North Dairy Farm	460
BRITISH COLUMBIA ...	127	Fort Alexander	100
	128	Fort George	100
	129	Fraser's Lake	100

District.	Post.			Acres of Land.
BRITISH COLUMBIA (<i>contd.</i>)	130	Stuart's Lake	100
	131	McLeod's Lake	100
	132	Connolly's Lake	100
	133	Babine	100
	134	Chilcotin	100
		Five other places	100
	135	Fort Dallas	50
	136	Fort Berens	50
	137	Fort Shepherd	100
	138	Fort Simpson	100
	139	Salmon River	50
	140	Langley and Langley Farm		2,220
	141	Yale, sundry small blocks		
	142	Hope	5
	143	Kamloops...	1,976
	144	Similkameen	1,140
		Barkerville	} Town
		Quesnel	
				} Lots.

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Giving ^{to} Forts and
Land belonging to
Gov around them

1874 NOVEMBER PROCEEDINGS MISSING.

